Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Marvis Hogen went off to World War II and all throughout his service to our country, his lovely bride, Florence saved every dime of his service allotment, and from this seed grew the capital for Hogen's Hardware Company, which Marvis and Florence opened in Kadoka, South Dakota, on April 13, 1946; and,

Whereas, The first Hogen's Hardware was a tiny store that offered an array of goods for sale which included implements drawn by horse, dynamite and a state-of-the-art floor furnace which Marvis would install for you himself, and since that time, Hogen's Hardware has moved again and again, each time expanding its clientele and product offerings; and,

Whereas, Hogen's Hardware expanded to Pierre, South Dakota, in 1983, and son, Cash, and his wife, Julie, operate this Pierre Street business for the Hogen clan; and,

Whereas, Hogen's Hardware will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on April 21 and 22, 2006, with a free beef lunch, a live radio broadcast, hourly prize drawings and bargains in every department; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of the milestones in the lives of South Dakota's finest citizens, and Florence and Marvis are certainly renowned citizens in this state, having operated a retail business through 60 years of our state's history:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 21 – 22, 2006, as

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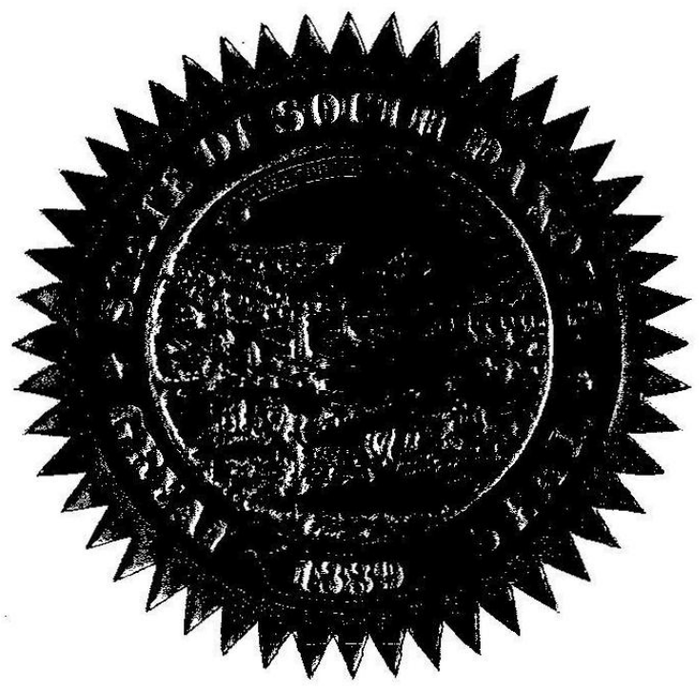
in South Dakota, and I join all the patrons of Hogen's Hardware Stores in recognizing the vast contributions Marvis and Florence, their children: Phil and wife, Marty; Baxter and wife, Dianne; Cash and wife, Julie; and Randi and husband, Don Oyan, who now run the parent Hogen's Hardware in Kadoka, and their six grandchildren have made to the economic well-being of this state and in wishing for them all a long, happy and prosperous future.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State